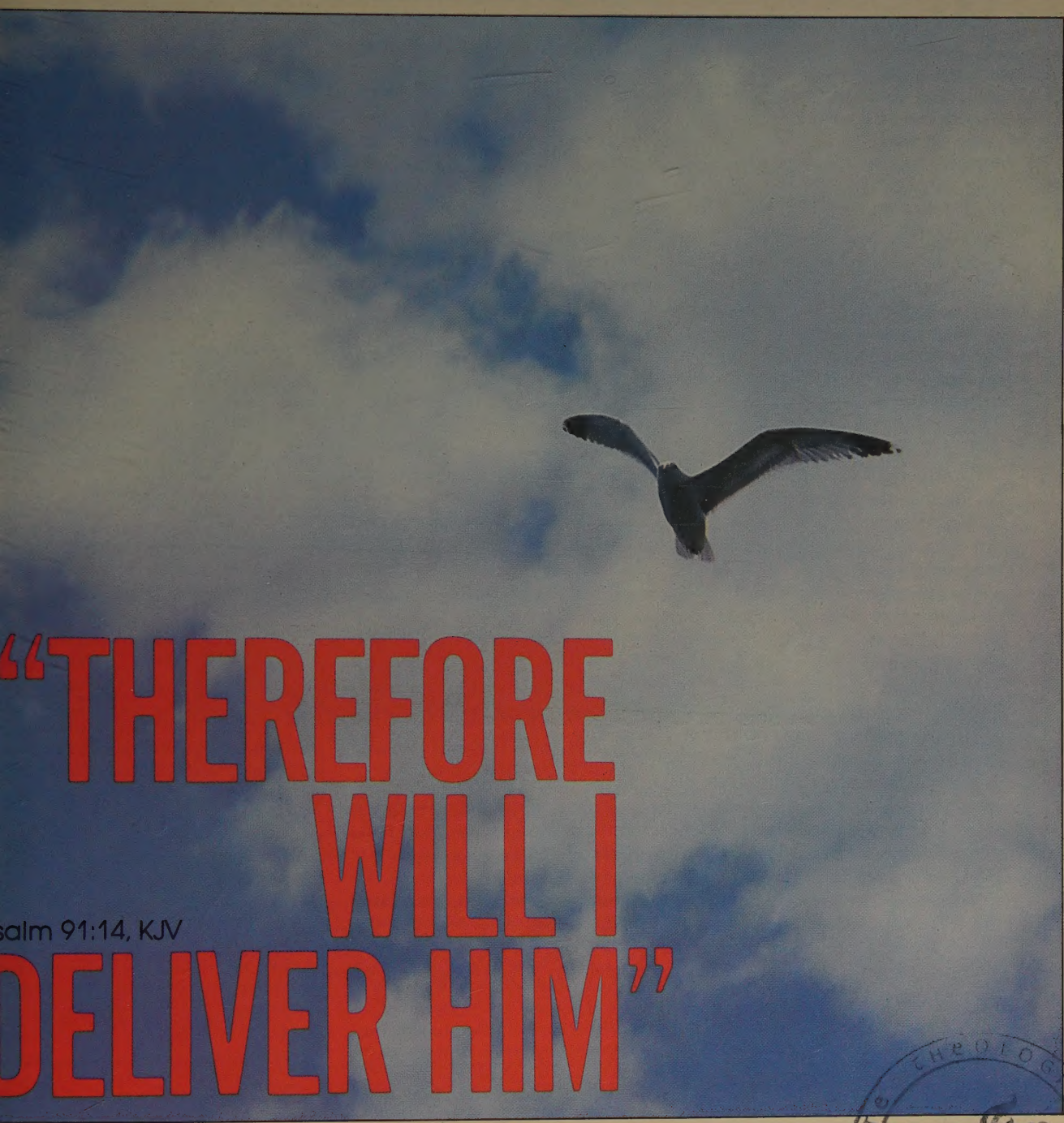


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# ADVANCE



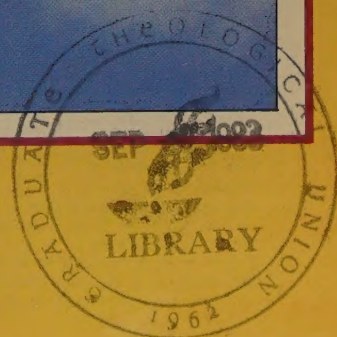
“THEREFORE  
WILL I  
DELIVER HIM”

Psalm 91:14, KJV

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By Janice Pedersen, Editor

# What Shall We Say Then?

**P**ick a problem—any problem. You have been asking God to deliver you from that hardship. Yet God seems so far away, as He has many times before. You struggle. The little red devil and the little white angel you saw in the cartoons as a kid start arguing in your thoughts:

Devil: "God isn't really there. He can't be there; He never seems to answer any of your other prayers."

Angel: "But the pastor said if we just pray and believe...."

Devil: "Ah, you mean that *faith* business. That's just too hard for you...." And on and on the debate goes.

CONSIDER—Psalm 41:1 (KJV): "The Lord *will* deliver him in time of trouble." CONSIDER—Psalm 91:14 (KJV): "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore *will* I deliver him." CONSIDER—Luke 4:18 (KJV): "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to...heal the brokenhearted, to preach *deliverance* to the captives...."

What shall we say then? That God does not and will not deliver us? That His promises do not hold water? That He made those promises just to pass the time?

Enter the devil and angel again. Angel: "You see, He has promised us deliverance." Devil: "Then why is it that you haven't seen Him doing what you have asked for?"

Consider—Romans 8:28 (KJV): "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

What shall we say then? That God is only allowed to work your problem out one way? Is your God in a box? Is He not big enough for you to just hand the problem over to Him?

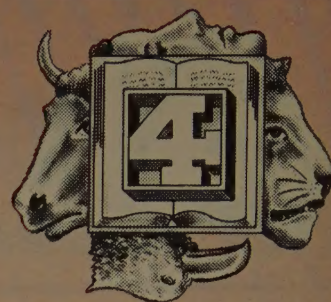
What happened to becoming like a child? Matthew 18:3-4: "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (NIV).

What shall we say then? Shall we just disregard the above statement in Matthew's gospel? No, the exhortation is for us—right now. The kingdom of heaven starts as soon as you give your life to Christ. And there is a promise for whoever humbles himself like a child.

Are you tired of struggling? Are you tired of "prayer formulas" that don't seem to work? Are you tired of figuring out your own answers? Become like a child. Give the problem to "Father," sit back, and let the cares roll off your shoulders. Let God have His turn. After all, if we once gave our life to Him, then it is His.

This *Advance* issue is meant to be an encouragement to you, proclaiming the fact that God delivers—today! God delivered three-year-old Cyndi Danna from Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (page 3). God delivered Ode Wannebo from alcoholism (page 4). God delivered Fred Reed from brain damage (page 12).

And God can deliver you.



## This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II. Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).

...that God is triune--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1, 2, 14).

...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12, 19).

...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).

...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23, 24).

...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).

...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).

...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).

...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).

...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).

...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5, 8; 2:4).

...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1, 2; Gal. 5:16, 25).

...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22, 23; John 15:8).

...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).

...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).

...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16, 17).

...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24, 25; Rom. 13:1, 3).

...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43); ...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10, 15).

...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).

...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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# Jesus Wouldn't Let Me Sleep!

She was just three years old, and the doctors said our

little daughter, Cyndi, had "Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis" (JRA). Sixteen children's Bayer aspirin daily (equivalent to four adult aspirin) for 18 months was recommended in order to relieve the affliction.

It was the beginning of May, 1982, when my husband and I began noticing a stiffening in the way Cyndi moved her right hip. Once very active, she often amazed us at the way she was able to keep up with her older sister, Carolyn.

But on Tuesday, May 4, our pediatrician diagnosed Cyndi as having inflammation of the hip joint. She thought it would go away with rest. But within four days it became increasingly swollen and tender. Taking her back for medical consultation, a second pediatrician gave us the same diagnosis.

At 3:00 the next morning, Sunday, May 23, we were awakened by Cyndi

crying. I quickly went to her room and was horrified at what I saw. Her hands were red, swollen and extremely hot. The fingers of her right hand were drawn in. Red swollen spots were seen on many of her joints of her body. Tears rolled down Cyndi's face with each painful movement.

We moved her to our bed and began praying.

I contacted her pediatrician as soon as possible, who asked that we bring her immediately to the hospital. I agreed, but said that we would first take her to church for prayer. When we arrived at the hospital, the floor nurse examined Cyndi compassionately and apologized because there was nothing they could give her to ease away the pain. Cyndi wasn't even able to grasp the nurse's finger, her strength was drained so much.

For several days, Cyndi was visited by a total of five physicians from many departments. The unanimous diagnosis?: "Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis." This dreaded



affliction affects children through adolescence and often leaves permanent damage to muscles and other parts of the body. Sixteen children's Bayer aspirin a day was the prescription.

It wasn't long until Cyndi became very lethargic and listless. She experienced headaches and stomach disturbances. At times it even became impossible for her to dress herself, sit down or stand up, or even lie down without help.

But we knew God was doing a work.

During this time, we had been praying, fasting, and crying before God for healing. Many people were praying throughout the body of Christ. We KNEW she would be healed, but it was hard not to be impatient. At times I would call my parents very late at night or in the early morning hours asking for prayer.

One evening, the arthritis became so severe that Cyndi lost her sight for a short time. She could not move at all and pleaded with us not to even touch her. We knew we were facing a spiritual battle

and spent the night walking the floor and praying.

A few days later, Cyndi was in pain so I rocked her and sang to her. When I thought she had gone to sleep, I started for her bedroom. "Mommy," she said, "don't stop singing. Sing some more songs about the blood of Jesus." For quite a while, I sang every song about Jesus' blood I could think of. Suddenly, she opened her eyes and said, "Mommy, Jesus came through the door and touched me." "What did He say?" I asked. With delight in her eyes, she told me, "He said, 'Cyndi, I love you!'"

The next morning she awakened bright and energetic. I knew then something had happened. Every other morning she had been tired and in pain. "Jesus wouldn't let me sleep all night!" she remarked. "He kept touching me all over!" She said He

was wearing a red robe and she could see the crown of thorns on His head. That day, she said, "Mom, do you know who Jesus is? He is GOD!" Praise God for children and their ability to trust and know such revelations in their hearts! From that point on she improved, and we knew the mighty power of God had healed her.

In September, four months after we had first noticed the illness, the pediatrician examined Cyndi thoroughly. She kept looking at the charts. Puzzled, she would ask questions, and look at the charts again. Finally, she turned and said, "I guess she never had arthritis at all!"

It has been over a year now and Cyndi is doing fantastic. She runs, climbs, jumps, hops and is as active as ever. "Mom," she asks every so often, "do you remember when I had that arthritis? Jesus healed me!"

Praise God! We can believe the impossible.

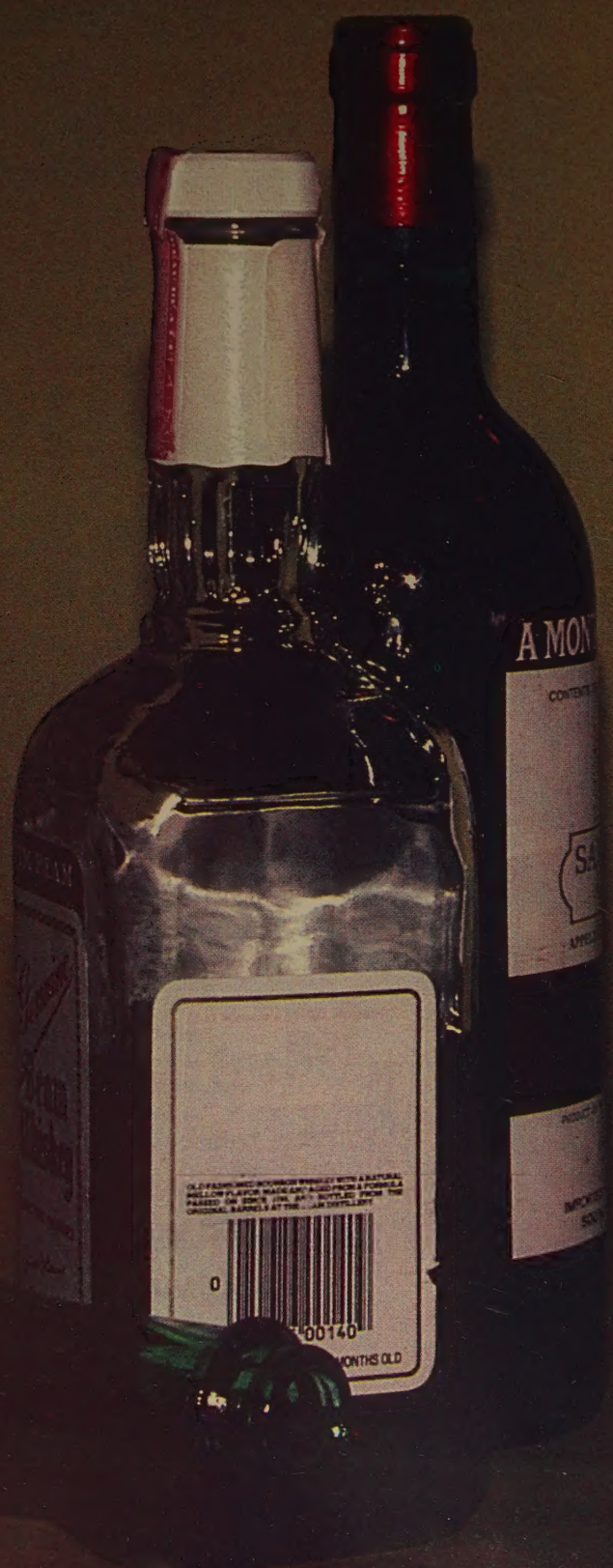
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Delivered!

By Sandi Sperber

# TO THE BOTTLE AND BACK



**E**ighteen of my friends died last year. The usually bright countenance of the man sitting across from me clouded for a moment. Were these people victims of cancer, or of heart disease? Or were they slaughtered by terrorists on some foreign field? Were they, perhaps, in some major air accident?

No. They were victims of one of the most vicious and gripping plagues of all time: alcoholism.

Ode Wannebo has experienced the depths of this disease. As a young vocalist—first in the opera and classical field, then in the night club circuit—he had come to depend on alcohol to sustain him. He was drinking an average of three fifths of hard liquor daily.

Then, in 1971 on New Year's Eve, Ode cried out his anguish to the Lord Jesus Christ who graciously and lovingly took him in his weakness and made him His son. Although saved, Ode had yet to master his drinking habit. Yet, on February 20, 1972, the Lord again moved graciously on Ode's behalf. God delivered him of his desire to drink, while at the same time healing him of diabetes, a severe thyroid condition, and a congenital hip deformity. The story does not end here with a "And he lived happily ever after," however.

In 1977 during a six-week overseas concert tour, Ode began to experience sleeplessness. His battle for sleep began as a couple nights' insomnia, but would ultimately last for three years. This eventually resulted in embarrassing situations for Ode both on T.V. and on the stage. Finally, after arriving in Los Angeles from a series of concerts in the Midwest, Ode found himself on a collision course with the strategies of hell bent on destroying him.

How often the largest tragedies are precipitated by the smallest incidents. For Ode it was a seemingly innocent dessert served to him that night in Los Angeles. A dessert that, because of his confused and foggy state of mind due to lack of sleep, he failed to realize was laced with Creme de' Menthe Liqueur. In his heart of hearts, Ode never intended or planned on allowing alcohol into his life again. But once ingested, his body did not wait to reason with him. It reacted violently to this deadly substance which had found its way back into his system.

To his horror he began to crave alcohol again. Over the ensuing weeks, the cravings became more frequent and more powerful. Now, not only did he battle insomnia, but a hideous desire to drink as well. Ode exercised his willpower and he prayed, but



little avail. After seven years of sobriety began to rationalize, "Many of my Christian friends drink socially; why can't I?" It was not long before he was back on the bottle.

Ode had never been shy about publicly claiming that God had healed him of alcoholism, so as he faced his failure, he did it alone. His old friends either forgot him or avoided him, but God did not forget him. Whose mercies are new every morning, sent a Christian brother—a complete stranger—to minister to Ode. The minister he did. He checked Ode into a mental care unit where he was treated. There Ode finally experienced a true deep sleep for the first time in months. And there, after a hard fall, Ode regained his sobriety. But the Lord is never satisfied to see us merely regain the old ground we have lost; "His desire to give to us 'good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over'" (Lk. 6:38, KJV).

And so Ode, several years down the road from his nightmare experience, began to realize that what he had been through might prove to be important to others in the body of Christ. Ode was beginning to discover that he was very far from being a lone alcoholic in his church. One after another began to encounter Christians struggling with alcoholism.

In January of 1982, Ode held the first meeting of "The Victors Circle" in his home as an outreach ministry of "Church on the Square," the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, California. He was the only one who attended the meeting that day. But there were soon others. People began to hear that there was someone who was not afraid to confront alcoholism—someone who could pray with them, stand with them and fight with them, yet never shun or condemn them in their sin and weakness. The news of this ministry spread, people from all over began to flock to the meetings. Currently, the Victors Circle is meeting five times each week and is ministering not only to alcoholics but to their families as well. In addition, one night each month is aside for a family style dinner at which "victors" and family members join together to celebrate all that the Lord has done that month. The spirit of love and unity on those occasions is particularly refreshing.

To date, the ministry of the Victors Circle has brought scores of people into a new or renewed relationship with Jesus, a solid experience of sobriety and has directed many into an entirely new dimension of life. The victors stand together to encourage one another in the faith, aware that no one is immune from temptation.

Above all, the Victors Circle has not merely taught people how not to drink, it has taught them how to live.

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# Alcohol: Questions & Answers

Most people know very little about alcoholism—the nature of the problem, its cause, its solution. The following are answers to some basic questions about alcoholism:

**ADVANCE:** What is alcoholism?

**ODE:** It is a threefold progressive disease affecting the physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of the human makeup. Physically, the body is allergic to alcohol. Psychologically, a person is compelled to drink. Spiritually, alcohol becomes god.

**ADVANCE:** Can a Christian be an alcoholic?

**ODE:** Yes, I am a Christian and I am an alcoholic (non-practicing)! Anyone, regardless of religion or faith, can become an alcoholic.

**ADVANCE:** Does a practicing Christian alcoholic have a spurious faith? Is he a hypocrite?

**ODE:** I like to put it this way. A practicing Christian alcoholic is living an inconsistent walk with the Lord. Many Christians feel that drinking a highball (a drink of alcohol, as whiskey, and water or a carbonated beverage) is sinful, while drinking beer and wine is not. Let us be honest about it: alcohol is alcohol. It isn't what we drink or how much that makes the difference, it is what it does to us. (This includes any mind altering drugs, as well.)

**ADVANCE:** Is alcoholism a disease or a sin?

**ODE:** It is both. For a Christian alcoholic, drinking any alcoholic beverage is sin. Anything done in excess is a sin.

**ADVANCE:** What makes somebody an alcoholic?

**ODE:** Excessive compulsive drinking. The alcoholic does not react to alcohol like other people.

**ADVANCE:** Have you always known that you were an alcoholic?

**ODE:** No, I did not know. I thought an "aiki" lived on skid row. It took an informative TV show on alcoholism to open my eyes. Skid row is not necessarily downtown in a red-light district. It is also in a person's mind.

**ADVANCE:** How does a person know if he is an alcoholic?

**ODE:** If a person has at one time or another asked the question in his mind, "I wonder if I have alcoholic problems?" then most likely he is a candidate. Here are a few signs to look for: 1) behaving erratically, 2) looking forward to the next drink, 3) hiding bottles, 4) drinking alone, 5) avoiding the issue, 6) rationalizing, 7)



Dan Prepp photo

excess drinking, 8) missing work, 9) expressing denial, 10) experiencing memory gaps, 11) having blackouts, and 12) not telling the truth.

**ADVANCE:** What about healing and deliverance?

**ODE:** Kathryn Kuhman once stated, "I don't know why God heals some people and not others." We are in partnership with God. God is sovereign and He is delivering me a day at a time, as long as I don't take that first drink. Many Christians pick up God's baton and try to conduct His orchestra. But we are in partnership. God's ways and thoughts are so far above ours, not to mention His timing.

If I said, "I am *not* an alcoholic," I would have no ministry. The still-practicing alcoholic could not identify. Today I have a ministry to the Christian alcoholic and have been able to help many individuals into sobriety, productivity, and restored relationships with family, business and friends.

*The Victors Circle is living proof that Jesus loves the alcoholic and that He cares for all his individual needs. Praise to Jesus!*





## BOSTON

PART

TWO

**A**imee Semple McPherson's Boston revival shifted into high gear on its second day, Sunday, October 11, 1931. Attendance soared. The Boston *Herald* headlined concerning Saturday's crowd, "AIMEE DRAWS ONLY 5,000." The *Post* blazoned about Sunday's afternoon and evening attendances: "20,500 GATHER TO HEAR AIMEE." The same news story assessed, "Without Aimee the revival would be nothing. She is the dominant, dynamic spirit of it all. Before she comes on the stage things are listless. But as she whirls into the singing and talking the entire audience is pepped up" (October 12, 1931, page 27).

**"Bless the Mayor"**

A highlight of the evening meeting came when Sister stood on tiptoe and prayed with upraised hands for the Lord to "bless the mayor of Boston, bless the fire department, bless the police department, bless the city council, bless the ministers of Boston, bless the churches, and grant that old-time revival will come to New England" (ibid.).

The sermon captivated both audience and reporters. "The white Bible catches the eye and Aimee uses it to gesture with as well as to preach from. It aids her in attaining dramatic effects. By slamming her hand on it she depicted the sound of the axe falling on John the Baptist" (ibid.). "Different from any ever held by an evangelist in Boston" was the newsman's appraisal of the illustrated sermon in the darkened hall with a spotlight playing on Sister standing outlined against a cross.

He quoted her: "They ask me why I preach a dramatic sermon. Our God is a dramatic God. I can think of nothing more dramatic than Elijah on the mountaintop; than rolling back the Red Sea; nothing more dramatic than the crucifixion, the resurrection, His ascension; or the tongues of fire on the day of Pentecost. I hope a dramatic God shakes us up" (ibid.).

On Monday night's service, Sister telegraphed her intentions to minister after the service, reporting visits made to five Winnipeg dance halls during a revival there years before.

At 10:45 p.m. she went to the Coconut Grove where she ordered food for 15 reporters accompanying her

and made clear she was not bent on a Carrie Nation hatchet-smashing act. Later she visited the Seaglades.

**Whoopies & Dill Pickles**

Elliot Norton reported in the next edition of the *Post*:

"It was holiday (Columbus Day) night in the whoopee belt. And into the middle of the picture walked the queen of evangelists. The whoopee makers paused a moment, a bit astounded. Then they whooped it up for Aimee, stared as she invited them to hit the trail to her revival meeting, and joyously cheered her to the echo. Aimee, who doesn't dance and doesn't favor it and imbibes nothing stronger than orange juice, stood in the spotlight on the floor of two night clubs and addressed the throngs and was satisfied that she had brought a message to many persons she would not otherwise reach" (page 10).

Sister told the story at both clubs of the shepherd who had 99 sheep plus one that was lost. She was there after the sinner, the lost sheep. At the Coconut Grove she invited the band to play church music at her revival, and it came on Wednesday.

Tuesday night's meeting featured a patriotic message which emphasized America's Christian roots. Sister described her previous address to the Dill Pickle Club (atheists) in Chicago where she discovered, "They are simply like the young boy going past a graveyard at night whistling. Atheists are the first ones to call on God when they are hurt or when an automobile jack strikes

their foot."

By the middle of the week Boston's press was taking note of an unusual feature about the revival audiences. More men than women were attending the services which witnessed water baptisms and divine healings as well as conversions.

Sister delighted reporters with her sermon anecdotes, especially the account of her address at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. She had never before been heckled, but was warned that the students had a reputation for "razzing" guest speakers. Once at the podium, before insults could begin, she commenced to pray. For nearly half an hour she prayed, while the students kept their heads bowed. Then she said, "Amen," thanked the audience, and left the hall. She had delivered her sermon as a prayer.

The evangelist told her life story Wednesday evening to an audience of 17,000. "It was one of the finest meetings I've ever addressed," she said afterwards. "I am so happy. I guess that story about Boston being conservative and cold is only a myth. I have found





people very warm and openhearted. They had responded in droves to altar call.

Wednesday night's meeting included her answer to the oft-repeated question, "Do your converts last?" She stated how scores of converts from New England revivals held during the World War had come to her and testified to their enduring faith. Particularly poignant was the account she gave of an incident at Framingham, a suburb of Boston. In 1915 a woman was despondent and going to kill herself and her baby. Sister persuaded her not to. At the service Tuesday night she baptized the 16-year-old son of that woman.

### Attendance Breakthrough

The revival continued through Sunday, October 18. The Boston *Globe* of Monday morning headlined, "39,500 AT AIMEE IN FINAL SERVICES: CROWDED BY 3,000 AT Farewell in South Boston After Thrilling 22,000 at the Garden With Her Last Revival Sermon. Election For Jobless Nets \$908.90." The *Traveler* headlined, "Hub Revival Big Success." Harold Bennison spoke of her departure from Boston, and with her she carries the memory of a great given but to few persons to see—the great mass of people in Boston Garden who attended her last and greatest sermon last night. The official count was 22,000 persons seated. There were more." Hundreds stood. More than 5,000 were turned away as officials were forced to close the doors.

Bennison continued, "She accomplished what is almost a miracle. In five days she spoke to some 160,000 persons. It averages between 17,000 and 18,000 a day. No one ever approached that mark. Billy Sunday in 1896 came nearest. Last night's meeting was the greatest indoor crowd she ever addressed." Boston authorities listed it as the largest attendance ever anywhere at an evangelistic meeting under a roof.

What pleased Sister most about the ending day was the phenomenal response to her altar calls. It seemed to her that a majority of the audience stood to receive Jesus as Saviour. This pleased heaven even more. If we shall be in heaven over one sinner who repenteth," (Luke 15:7, KJV), what celebration must have erupted there for the thousands who found Christ at the Boston revival!

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November, 1983



By Shirley West  
International UFW President

# Women Who Win

"Do your own thing!" says the world to today's woman. "Be your own boss! Put yourself first!" But God says, "Be not conformed to this world's thinking" (cf. Rom. 12:2). The heart cry of Christ is to have a united body, each one submitted to the other (cf. John 17:21-23).

For this reason we praise God for the UNITED Foursquare Women. No matter how large a single group may be, what they can accomplish for Christ is so much greater when in union with hundreds of other groups. 65,000 Foursquare women across the United States, Canada, and other countries have joined forces to form a strong band of love.

## WHY THE UNITED FOURSQUARE WOMEN?

**1. Women united in prayer invade and conquer!** The power of prayer is unlimited, and a church that has its women united in prayer is a church invading and conquering areas for Christ!

**2. Women seeking God's principles become godly women!** Thousands of Bible studies have started. UFW headquarters is receiving orders as fast as they can be filled for the excellent Bible study, *Ishshah I and II*, and soon to be released, *III*.

**3. Women supporting each other reach out together to the unsaved!** A woman may feel unfulfilled and inhibited in the need to touch others for Christ. A UFW group provides hundreds of different openings to meet every woman's need, no matter what her gifts or personality.

**4. Women learning to love welcome the newcomer!** In UFW, a newcomer is cared for

and needed. She becomes more than just a face in a group, but a woman who is loved and who, in turn, can give love.

**5. Women willing to grow learn to use their gifts!** Women who have been afraid to use their abilities in the congregation can be encouraged and trained in UFW committees. Individual training is readily available.

**6. Women with vision touch lives across the world!** A Filipino Bible student was financially being forced to drop out of Bible college. A UFW group decided to pay \$25 a month for his schooling and board. When he graduated, he was led by God to an unevangelized island. Eight years later, that island is now dotted with Foursquare churches and hundreds have come to know Christ as Saviour.

**7. Women learning to share, support the poor and the orphan!** God states in His Word that He will give definite blessings to those that help the needy (cf. Ps. 41:1-3, Matt. 25:34, 36, II Cor. 9:6-14). Orphans are cared for through a special program and hundreds of needed articles are given to the poor at home and in other countries.

**8. Women working toward a "whole" ministry don't forget the shepherd of the flock!** At the Foursquare Convention in Glorieta, pastor's wife after pastor's wife stood to relate the many expressions of encouragement and love given them by the women's groups. One pastor's wife stated, "There must be a terrible void in the church which does not have a United Four square Womens' group, for they bless us as pastors in so many ways."

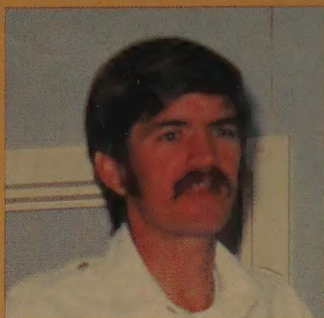
**WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A PART?** Just send a donation of \$5 or more to United Foursquare Women, 11661 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650. You will receive a newsletter that regularly advises you of God's blessings among Foursquare women.



*"Our national leaders cry out to God for the power to evangelize all of Papua New Guinea. But their hearts' desires don't end there...."*  
*—Phil and Diane Franklin*  
*Missionaries to Papua New Guinea*

# Together PAP

**Rev. Phil Franklin:** "God is raising up leaders who sacrifice themselves for their congregations...men who don't consider the pastorate a burden—but a privilege!"



Rev. Phil Franklin and his wife, Diane, are Foursquare missionaries in Papua New Guinea. They are helping a believing church overwhelm spiritual opposition to the gospel. Their work, in concert with that of committed national pastors, is bringing kingdom lifestyles to this ancient culture.

**The Roots Of It.** Historically, the people of Papua New Guinea often looked to the "Poison Men" (witch doctors) for insights into life. But superstition could never meet their deepest needs. Men often went to war. Women were frequently treated like chattel. Children were rarely disciplined and usually grew into willful, sometimes violent, adults.

**Quantum Leaps.** But through the efforts of missionaries and national workers, the people of Papua New Guinea are taking quantum leaps into the wholeness of Christ. Everywhere the gospel is received, men seek peace, women receive respect, and children are taught God's council.

**The Key.** God's Word has poured out a social/spiritual refreshing. The wellspring of God's moving is *discipleship*. Phil shares, "A

(Top row, left) Phil Franklin stresses the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus. This message clashes violently with the gods of tradition who demand appeasement.

(Top row, center) In Christ, husbands are growing supportive and wives are learning self-esteem. Through Christian couples, God is challenging selfishness and condemnation.

(2nd row, left) Committed national pastors are increasing in number. The results of their powerful influence are becoming clear as strong congregations are being established.

(3rd row, left) Believers are raising their children in New Testament liberty. Praise, love and joy have replaced fear, oppression and bondage.

(3rd row, center) Redeemed families are applying their faith to critical areas of child rearing. This Christian couple trusts God to lead their newly dedicated child around the pitfalls of self-will.





# A PROFILE OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES NEW GUINEA

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(Top row, right) Baptism sends wonderment through the unsaved community. It publicly declares that superstition is a tragically misdirected lifestyle in comparison to the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE.

(2nd row, right) In spite of spiritual opposition from animism, Foursquare churches are overcoming through a diligent application of scriptural truths.

(3rd row, right) DISCIPLESHIP is the key strategy in redeeming a people. Here, Phil Franklin is arming believers with truths that overwhelm external and cultural hinderances.

mature Christian Papua New Guinean leader has taken on a local church. He takes the initiative in everything." That's strength! Men often shun responsibility.

"He doesn't seek his own way," continues Phil. "He asks for opinions. Then he applies them. Afterwards, we evaluate what happened." The gospel is producing a spirit of mutual love and respect in sharp contrast to the "Poison Man's" manipulations. But what touches Phil most is that this national leader is also discipling local leaders—thereby fostering more strength. Fifty years ago—before he knew Christ—he might have eyed Phil with glowering suspicion.

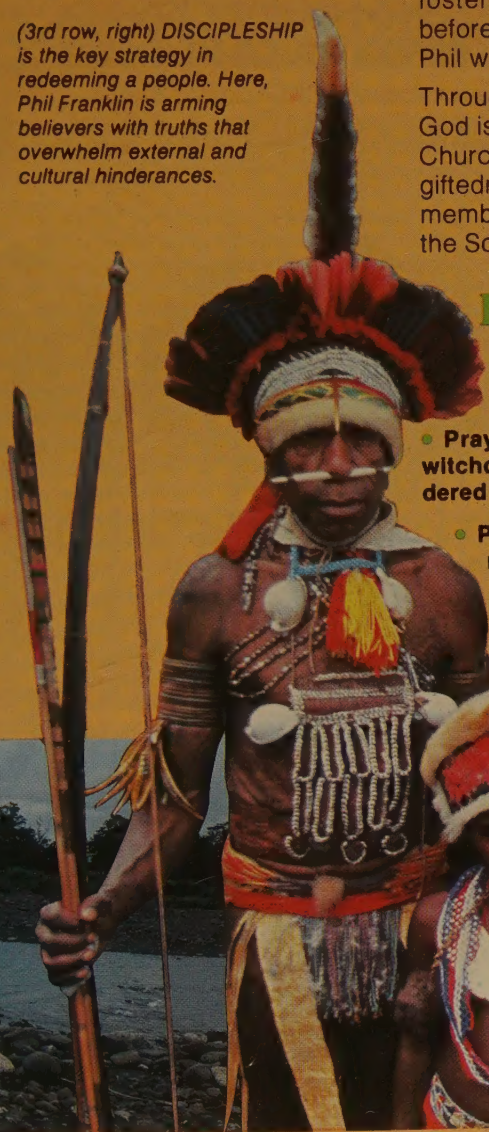
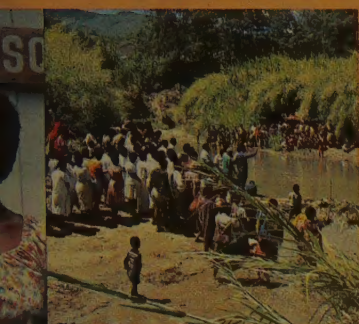
Through committed believers of many races, God is redeeming a people. He is building a Church that knows Him...that ministers in its giftedness...cares for and develops its members...and seeks to evangelize the rest of the South Pacific.

## Prayer & Action Focus

- Pray that pastors and national leaders will aggressively press God's kingdom.
- Pray that obstacles to kingdom expansion—witchcraft, superstition, fear, etc.—will be rendered powerless.
- Pray that budding young workers will be multiplied and thrust into effectual ministry.

Through our intercession and financial support, we can speed the message to needy tribal peoples...

**Together!**





# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES



## PEACE NOT TAKEN FOR GRANTED IN PANAMA

PANAMA DOESN'T SUCCUMB. Politically, Panama is serene, not having succumbed to riotous conditions, reports Loren Edwards. This peace has enabled Panamanians to enjoy great economic benefits. But the Church doesn't take peace for granted. Believers continually pray for political leaders and for an atmosphere of quiet

to prevail so that the gospel can go forth.

**SPURTS OF GROWTH.** In 1982 there was an increase of 118 churches and meeting places over the previous year. In most communities this growth is mainly spontaneous, bursting from a hunger for God's love. The Panamanian people continue to respond to the gospel. The harvest is indeed ripe.

Loren reports: "I'm amazed at how often someone from a church goes to

some other town and starts a new church...usually in a home. There ARE some planned efforts. But most are not. In one district, growth can be traced directly to a thriving discipleship program that emphasizes evangelism."

**LIFE PRINCIPLES.** The Church's understanding of life principles is notable. Family life, worship, friendship, building the Church as a Body, and evangelism are all vitally operative in the Panamanian Church.

## POWER AS NEVER BEFORE IN BAJA, MEXICO

**STREETS INFILTRATED.** God's grace and power are being manifested in a most unusual way, reports missionary Ludwig Mantei. Several missions teams from the U.S. have been involved in street evangelism, conducting services in the various villages of the Mexicali and Tijuana area. Young people as never before are accepting Jesus Christ as Savior.

**200 FIND CHRIST.** Our 50-acre campsite in the mountains was utilized during the summer months as a summer retreat center. To date, over 200 have been saved and many baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**HIGH TIDE OF ENTHUSIASM.** Recently, 15 pastors and 35 workers met in the Baja area. The tide of enthusiasm was at an all-time high. They are believing God for a revival this year which will bring in a great harvest of souls.

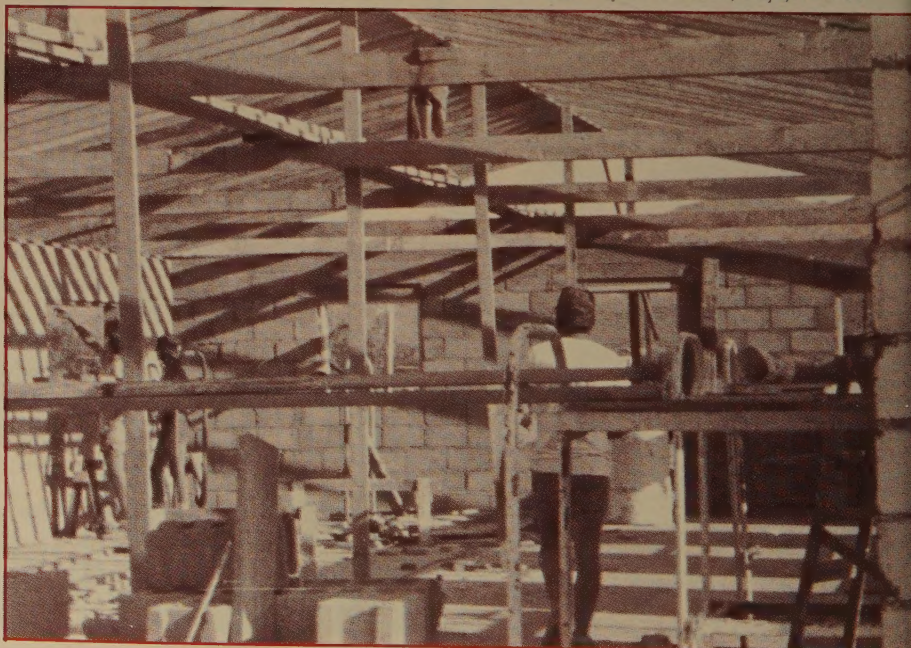
This past year several new churches were added in the Tijuana and the Tacate area of Baja California. Most of the established churches are opening services in homes. These outreaches will continue to increase as more workers are trained.

**SHORT COURSES DOUBLE STRENGTH.** The churches envision sending trained workers farther south into the mainland. The leaders are emphasizing short-term courses for new converts which will double the strength of the church. Next year, they will begin to send small teams into the needy areas of Mexico.

10 ADVANCE



*This group of new believers was baptized in a canal near the city of Mexicali, Baja, Mexico.*



*A men's work team works diligently on one of the buildings at the campsite in the Valley of Trinidad, Baja California, Mexico. The present plan for the 50-acre campsite is to begin utilizing it for a year-round training of boys in specialized trades.*



## CHURCH IN CHINA ALIVE AND WELL

**CHINA'S FOUR MODERNIZATIONS PROGRAM.** Four years ago the People's Republic of China formally announced the Four Modernizations Program: To enable their nation, by the year 2000, to match the western powers in 1. Defense, 2. Agriculture, 3. Industry, 4. Science. China opened its doors to an enormous inflow of foreign technology and products.

**25 TO 50 MILLION BELIEVERS.** Increased contact and flow of information about the Church in China have

drawn young people from the Taejon Foursquare church in Korea are music majors studying how to use their musical abilities in gospel work.



Myung pastors this church in the town of Dong.

September, 1983

resulted. There is an estimated 25 to 50 million born-again believers meeting in over 20,000 house churches. 200 churches were reopened and officially sanctioned by the government. Two million Bibles have been printed and made available to the Church. In spite of pressure and internal difficulties in some parts of the country, the Church in China continues alive and well.

**SOME FACE OPPOSITION.** Chinese youth now account for nearly 75% of the Christian population in China. A year ago, the New China News Agency reported that the Communist Youth League had been instructed by China's Central Committee to completely redevelop its program in order to "prevent the continuing exodus of youth who are entering the Christian Church." Many of these new Christians face peer pressure, family restrictions and opposition. They need our prayers.

## MUTE WOMAN RECEIVES SPEECH IN SOUTH KOREA

"SIGNS FOLLOWING." Several miracles have occurred recently in Korea as a result of God's faithfulness in hearing the cry of his children, reports Pat

Conrad ministers at Pastor Choi's church, a pioneer work in Korea.



At one time, Chin Kyong Sik was a desperate alcoholic. Through the ministry of Foursquare Missions she heard the gospel and was delivered. The presence of God shines through her life.

Conrad. An alcoholic woman attended one of the services. After she acknowledged Jesus as her Lord, there was a visible change. Many nonbelievers came to know the Lord as a result.

A woman who was mute for over two years, and another woman with a stomach problem, were completely healed following prayer.

In one of the churches in the country, one of the members' little daughters lay dying one night. The pastor was called to her bedside, and after strong prayer, the child was made completely whole.

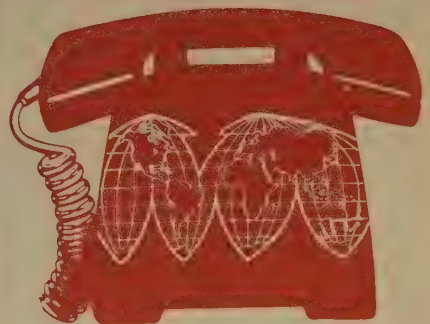
**OPERATION BASE.** A major goal and desire of the Foursquare Church in Korea is to establish a central church and training program in each major city. From these bases of operation, the surrounding villages will be reached with the full-gospel message. Thus, there will be an established beachhead in Korea for further evangelistic efforts into the surrounding countries of North Korea, Japan, China and Manchuria. Presently we have 12 growing churches.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE.** Pat Conrad shares, "We face the work of the enemy in ancestral worship, Buddhism and Shamanism. These are deeply entrenched in the Korean people and have been for centuries. It will take much teaching, prayer and spiritual ministry to overcome them with the truth of Scripture."

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## Delivered!

*"Contrary to popular opinion, the profoundly disabled are people in the very truest sense of the word. For the most part, they are as helpless as young children. But because they are real people, they deserve a life as enriched as a young child's life. Many have bodies as limited as that of a feeble grandmother. But because they are people, they deserve to be treated with all the respect that an aging feeble grandmother deserves.*

*"I've heard people say the disabled ought to be killed when they are born. Many people think of them as sub-human; they give them names such as 'retardo.' Society hides the handicapped because people are uncomfortable with them. But there are real people—fully and completely human—living inside those very limited 'houses.'*

*"Name-calling labels, discriminates, and makes people sub-human. Take the unborn baby. We call him a 'fetus' to make him subhuman so we can commit murder. The original census of the United States counted the blacks as 3/5 of a person; this made them sub-human so they could be branded and enslaved. Hitler regarded the Jews as subhuman, calling them 'kikes' so they could be put in concentration camps.*

*"But the profoundly disabled are people; a very real person lives there. And this very real person is going to be resurrected someday. He will have a body just like Jesus, a body without limitations...."*

I would dare to say the above statement is made by a man who knows what he is talking about. Handicapped by Learning Disability (formerly labeled "neurologically handicapped," the result of brain damage which causes learning problems) as a child, in 6th grade Fred Reed was reading at a 2nd grade level.

Today, the neurological examiner is amazed that this same Fred Reed holds a degree from LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles, California; a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Arts Degree from California

Polytechnic University, Pomona, California; operated a school for the handicapped for 14 years; serves as the pastor of the Los Serranos Foursquare Church, Chino, California; is a chaplain at Lanterman State Hospital; and is a speaker and author.

### Attack at Birth

Life itself seemed to cruelly attack Fred the very first minute he was born. At delivery, he did not breathe. (It is imperative that an infant receive oxygen to the brain immediately upon birth, or brain damage, then death, ensues.) The doctor was regrettably ready to pronounce the obvious. But Fred's father,

a minister of the Foursquare Gospel, unwilling to accept death, laid his hand on the tiny head, and made an earnest entreaty to God for the life of his child. Abruptly, the child's lungs filled with air and Fred gave a resounding cry. God had given precious life.

But a short two years later came another curious incident which may also have contributed to brain damage. An evangelist and pastor of the Racine, Wisconsin, Foursquare Gospel Church, Fred's father, Rev. F.M. Reed, had been pleading to God for a miracle on account of the small crowds. God answered in a most mysterious way: Fred fell out of a two-story

window and cracked the cement!

### First Chance

While the child only suffered what was apparently a bruise to the head, a doctor examined him and wanted to put him in the hospital. Rev. Reed said, "I'll teach and preach divine healing and I'll give God the first chance." The doctor argued a great deal.

Finally Rev. Reed asked, "What would you do with the son if you took him to the hospital?" He answered, "We would just keep him quiet." "Well, we can do that here," Rev. Reed told him, "and I'll be no better by this evening, but I'll bring him in." That evening Fred was running around, playing, and just having a good time.

The Milwaukee *Sentine* heard about it, and dispatched a reporter to take pictures. The story was quickly syndicated across the country, and the next Sunday, the church was packed.

But nobody knew Fred was brain damaged, even though a student, Fred had a very severe learning problem—grade he was reading at a 2nd grade level.

### All-American Boy

"Generally at that time, Fred, 'it was thought that people had learning problems because they were emotionally disturbed; not the other way around. And I was emotionally disturbed. I lived in a daydream world. I retreated from reality, fantasizing a great deal. I used to listen to 'Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy.' We called him 'Fred Reed: the All-American Boy.' And I did daydreams, exploits, daydreaming the exploits at school, and acting it out at home."

Obstacles gradually began appearing as Fred grew up. Fred spoke in infantile speech until he was four years old. In grammar school, Fred stuttered. Even after overcoming this, he said, "I still talked like a child though I had a hot potato in my mouth." As a young adult he took two years of speech therapy to clear up the impediment.

Another disability was discovered when he tried to join the Naval Reserve. "In the course of the examination at the i-

# When the Odds are Against You

By Janice Pedersen



Rev. Fred Reed poses outside Lanterman State Hospital, Pomona, California, with some young volunteers.

*"If our humanistic State values the lives of the disabled, how much more ought the Church?"*





Volunteers many times will use puppets to minister to the disabled.

center," Fred relates, "my father had to read the numbers on the wall chart. When my turn came, I couldn't even see any numbers. I thought I was going to lose my mind. Finally, I came to a number I could read. Was I exuberant! Bursting pride turned to abject dismay, however, when to my chagrin I realized that nobody else could read the number. The truth was all too obvious. I was blind."

Particularly heartbreaking for Fred was his dismal failure in sports. He was determined to be an athlete, but a neurological handicapped child has problems with the motor activity. "I couldn't throw, hit a ball, catch," says Fred. "Still I did not give up. If there were no players for baseball, I was 13th to be chosen. If there were 19 players, I could always be the bat boy."

## Radical Changes

God did some intervention—two key changes happened miraculously. First, God healed Fred's mother. After repeating the 5th grade, his mother took him out of public school and found a remedial school in Des Moines, Iowa. The instructor started each lesson at the level of his ability, began working up from there. Fred was put in a second reader, and was taught

reading and arithmetic.

Second, something very spiritually significant happened to Fred. "I received the baptism with the Holy Spirit," Fred explains. "I was 12 years old, and it made a very radical difference in my life. I ceased to be excessively afraid of being bullied by children my own age as I had previously, so I no longer felt the need to only play with children younger than me. I also stopped retreating into a heavy daydreaming world. My stuttering ceased, although I did have a prolonged speech defect. There was just a tremendous emotional healing!"

## Surgeon Amazed

God had done His work. Fred went back to public school, maintained an average grade throughout high school, and went on to LIFE Bible College. At age 32, Fred was examined by a neurosurgeon. The verdict?: "The patient has had left cerebral damage as a child. He has made an amazing recovery. The patient has almost normal speech now, and apparently had a severe speech defect in the past. No treatment is necessary. The patient has adjusted extremely well to his disability."

It was while teaching neurologically handicapped children at a Christian day school that Fred decided to dedicate his life

to working with those who have various forms of neurological disabilities. Thus, he established and headed the Pilgrim School for the Neurologically Handicapped for 14 years at Claremont, California. Grades kindergarten through high school were given the same individualized care Fred had received when he was young. The school started with 7 students and rose into the 40's for a number of years. The high success with the students was most gratifying.

After serving part-time as chaplain at both Fairview (Costa Mesa, California) and Lanterman (Pomona, California) State Hospitals, Fred is now a full-time chaplain at Lanterman State Hospital. He holds Sunday services, recruits volunteers for those services, ministers to parents, holds funerals, provides a Bible study for employees, presides at ceremonial functions such as opening the special olympics in prayer, and arranges special occasion ecumenical services on holidays.

## Human, Too

"But over any other duty," emphasizes Fred, "the responsibility of the chaplain is to guarantee that institutionalized people have the right to religious freedom according to the U.S. constitution. In fact, the

very presence of a chaplain at a state hospital for the profoundly disabled is the strongest statement a state can make that these people are human beings. And the Church has a responsibility to these people because they are people in the truest sense of the word."

Fred points to I Corinthians 12:22 which reads, "Much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary" (KJV).

"I don't know why the profoundly disabled person is necessary to the world," admits Fred, "but I know why they are necessary to the Church. Being a part of the Body of Christ, they have something to offer. And what they have to offer is a tremendous, uninhibited ability to give love."

"I Corinthians 13 speaks of love as being the greatest of all. You and I wear masks. If someone asks how we are feeling, we say 'Fine' even though we have a headache. But the profoundly disabled doesn't wear a mask; if he is miserable, you know it. But if he is appreciative, you know it. He has an uninhibited ability to give love."

## Disabled to Serve

In a letter Fred sends to pastors introducing them to his volunteer ministry, he writes, "I originally thought in terms of the volunteers ministering to the clients, but it just may be the other way around." A thought-provoking viewpoint, Fred firmly believes that developmentally disabled people and the chaplain are in the hospital to serve the greater Christian community—"and to serve them well" he adds.

"If the humanistic organization called 'State Government' values the lives of these people," shares Fred, "how much more ought the Church to value the lives of these people who are profoundly disabled and handicapped in other ways."

If you are interested in an outreach ministry to the developmentally disabled, or if you would like to identify with someone who, like yourself, is already involved, feel free to contact Chaplain Fred Reed at Lanterman State Hospital and Developmental Center, 3530 West Pomona Blvd., Pomona, CA 91768.



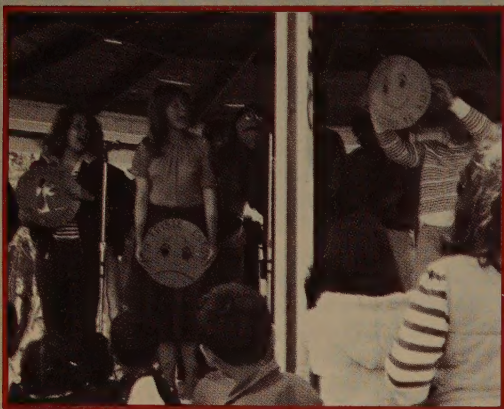
# Inside Our Foursquare Family

## LIFE in Mexico!

Each year, LIFE Bible College students, in cooperation with the Office of Student Services, participate in a weekend evangelistic outreach in the towns and villages of northern Mexico.

On May 20-21, 60 students and several faculty members visited local churches and prisons, played a local basketball team, and ministered to hundreds of children, preaching and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. For many students, it was their first opportunity to reach the lost in another culture.

This year's ministry was expanded fourfold by splitting the group into four ministry teams to travel to different areas



in northern Mexico. The local Christians and students alike were greatly encouraged as many people responded to the Lord Jesus and received new LIFE in Him.

LIFE Bible College student, Kari Hathaway, summarized her outreach experience: "I certainly grew from the Mexico trip! I felt released to minister in whatever way God showed me to touch the people for Him. Yes, I was inadequate—I could barely speak Spanish—yet God used me."

God has His LIFE imbedded in every believer. If it is given an opportunity, it will burst out and create LIFE. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves, but we have a treasure in earthen vessels through which the power of God might be displayed.

## A Heartfelt "Thank You"

"PREACH THE WORD!" How Dr. Dorrance loved that great song. He enjoyed playing it so enthusiastically on his trombone in churches, conventions, rallies, and camps! It was played so beautifully at his memorial service in the Arlington, California, Foursquare Church by the organist and pianist. I think he must have joined them on his heavenly trombone!

Thank you for continuing his ministry of preaching the Word at home and abroad by donating to the Earl W. Dorrance Scholarship Memorial Fund. My heartfelt appreciation goes to each individual, UFW group and church that gave to the fund. God bless you.

—Mrs. Earl W. Dorrance

## MISSIONARY FRANK ZIEGLER SERVED SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1929



Rev. Frank Joseph Ziegler, one of the first Foursquare missionaries ever sent to spread the gospel, went to be with the Lord on June 9, 1983, after living a full 78 years. An extraordinary man very dedicated to the South African people, Rev. Ziegler was active in ministry right up to the week before his death.

Rev. Ziegler and his wife, Dorothy, sailed as pioneer Foursquare missionaries to South Africa in 1929. (The day they arrived, their eldest son, Lewis, was born!) They first went to the Butterworth area. As they were walking down the street, a man, Mr. Span, stopped them. He told them he had been praying for missionaries to come, and the Lord had shown him the faces of the Zieglers in a vision! When he saw the Zieglers, he knew the Lord had answered his prayer.

After several years, they moved to the Willowvale area and established a mission station. From this beginning, the gospel spread through that Transkei area and

today many churches dot that land.

The Zieglers were blessed with four children. Their son, Lewis, now leads a ministry in the Transkei. Emegene, the oldest daughter, also served as a missionary in this land until her death last year. Another daughter, Darlene, married missionary Jack Anderson, and they presently minister in Bolivia, South America. Bernadine, their third daughter, lives in East London, South Africa.

In his last letter to the Department of Missions International written on May 2, 1983, Rev. Ziegler told of his delight in participating in the 1982 International Convention at Angelus Temple. He proudly carried the South African flag in the March of Flags, and received his 50-Year Pin commemorating his many years of service. Rev. Ziegler spoke of the beautiful choir, lovely buildings, glittering lights and the good sermons.

He then wrote, speaking of the ministry in South Africa, "Here we go out to each and every branch. How they come and welcome us! What a need, what a hunger for God's Word...so many parts of Africa are still in darkness. It is the duty of you folks at home to keep the great lighthouse aflame, but to us He gives the keeping of the twinkling lights along the shore and also inland...."

After a lifetime of faithful service to the Lord, this Foursquare patriarch has gone home to receive his just reward.

## Do You Have Old Foursquare Magazines?

In order to preserve our heritage for future generations, International Church Headquarters is completing files of the *Bridal Call*, *Foursquare Crusader*, *Foursquare Magazine*, and *Foursquare World Advance*. Many contributions have been made toward this project, for which the Heritage Department is thankful. However, the below listed copies are still missing. If you have access to any of these copies, please consider sending them to: Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, President, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

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## PFNA Convention Set for Des Moines

The 1983 convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will meet at

First Church of the Open Bible in Des Moines, Iowa, October 24-26. The theme for this year's gathering is "Pentecostals in Contemporary Times."



## Building a Christian Library

**A Strong Delusion**, by Ken Klein, \$3.50 plus \$1.50 for delivery and postage. Write: World Win Ministries, Suite 43, P.O. Box 1668, Oceanside, CA 92054.

After playing football for the Houston Oilers and the San Francisco '49ers, the thrill was soon replaced with the disappointment of leaving pro-ball through injury. Disillusioned and in pursuit of the real meaning of "life," Ken entered the drug world of Haight-Ashbury, Europe, and Africa. Basically ignorant of Christianity, coming from a Jewish home, the fulfillment in life he had been seeking through the excitement and thrills of sports and drugs was intercepted by a confrontation with the Messiah.

"Once you pick it up you won't put it down," says Dr. Roy H. Hicks, Foursquare General Supervisor.





## Current Events & Comments

### Shroud: Radiation in 30 A.D.?

Scientific experts needed hardly two weeks of tests to prove that the "Hitler mummies" were obvious fakes. It took 40 years to expose as a deliberate forgery the so-called "Piltown man," hailed by scientists in 1912 as a 500,000-year-old missing link."

But skeptics, art historians, biblical scholars, ecclesiastical leaders, pathologists, linguists, textile experts, chemists, physicists, and photographic specialists have investigated the Shroud of Turin since 1389 and have failed utterly to

prove it a forgery.

"There isn't a fake that can't be revealed," declared forensic specialist Skip Palenik of the McCrone Research Institute in Chicago who emphasized the technical traps that expose forgers. But no scientific test has ever contradicted the possibility that the Shroud was worn by Jesus. Every test confirms that possibility. Science could not possibly do more than that to authenticate the genuineness of the Shroud. One authority insisted that if the Shroud was a forgery, it would be a greater miracle than if it were the real thing.

But would God allow such a relic to survive? I feel I lost an argument with Him on that question. "We don't need props to create or confirm faith," I pleaded. What I felt God answered was, "You believe Noah's Ark has been found on Mt. Ararat. You believe you have visited the empty tomb of Jesus in Jerusalem." Both of those could be construed as props to faith.

I now agree with authorities who declare that the Shroud's evidence for the resurrection is so strong that if it is not Jesus' garment, then we must consider the possibility that it belonged to someone else who arose from the dead after being whipped, crowned with thorns,

crucified, and stabbed in the side. The June, 1980, *National Geographic* conceded that the Shroud "would appear to be a portrait, uncannily accurate when matched against the gospel accounts of Jesus of Nazareth." One scientist of the research team which studied the fabric stated publicly that he and every one of his colleagues believe the Shroud is authentic.

Professor Aurelio Ghio of the University of Turin is one of many authorities advancing the "resurrection photograph" theory to explain the image on the cloth. Namely, that at the moment of resurrection, Christ's image was lightly scorched on the fibers: "We can imagine Jesus' body giving off a burst of energy, a kind of laser-like explosion of radiation that would have burnt into the Shroud a photographic portrait of Jesus as He came to life in the tomb."

If the Shroud of Turin really wrapped Jesus, in the light of I Corinthians 15:52-53, Romans 8:11, and I Thessalonians 4:16-17, who knows but that the first resurrection might create millions of miracle shrouds in the evacuated garments of the erstwhile dead in Christ and in the raptured, glorified, living saints?

Dr. Cox is the pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare Church.



Rev. Brooks Bryan

### Lend Me Your Ears

In the current, stepped-up war for the minds of men, music has become one of the Enemy's most promising tools, because it contains not only mental, but emotional impact. This impact is heaviest in the youth of our nation simply because they lend their ears to it considerably more than adults. With the significant impression music makes on our lives, I thought it wise to consider some guidelines for listening to music.

Music affects two elements of our being simultaneously—the mind and the emotions—and can, through them, affect a third element, the spirit.

The lyrics of a song are primarily aimed at the mind and thought life. That being the case, it is reasonable to consider the lyrics in the light of Philippians 4:8 which

tells us to think on things which are: first, true; then, honest; just; pure; lovely; of good report; of virtue; and of praise. If the F.C.C. were to use this verse as the "canon" of censorship, I feel that very few secular songs would ever be aired. And not all "gospel" songs would be aired either!

I would suggest that each of us consider the words of the music we listen to in the light of this verse.

The other element of a song is, of course, the music—the "emotional language," if you will. This language is learned like any other. The quarter tones of the orient can have a Laotian clapping his hands and send us running for earplugs! We are not familiar with that language. Language is learned by association, and musical language is no different.

We have learned, for instance, that certain music goes with chase scenes, and other music with love scenes. If you put the music for a chase scene behind a love scene in a film, the result is hysterical!

So, if music is a language of the emotions, then I feel it appropriate to judge it by Galatians 5:22-23, a scripture dealing with emotional and spiritual states. Does the music you listen to create in you an emotional state of love (in the agape

sense), or joy or peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness or (especially) self-control? If not, then I suggest perhaps that music is not creating an emotional state that the Bible endorses, and you may have a decision to make.

That brings us to the third element of the soul: the will. Each of us has to be WILLing to consider what we listen to, WILLing to invest the energy to apply God's Word to this area, and, if necessary, WILLing to exclude certain music from our lives.

I do not, however, believe we can universally condemn any musical form per se because it is cultural. Each of us, young or old, Northerner, Southerner, Easterner or Westerner, have different cultural elements in our lives. But I do feel that each of us, within our cultural preferences, has an individual obligation to carefully consider the forces we allow to shape us. And I find no better guideline than the words of Scripture:

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your MIND" (Romans 12:2, NKJV).

Rev. Bryan, and his wife, Marlys, have served as youth pastors of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, since 1977. They are leaving this month to serve as missionaries in Greece.

## Viewpoint



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

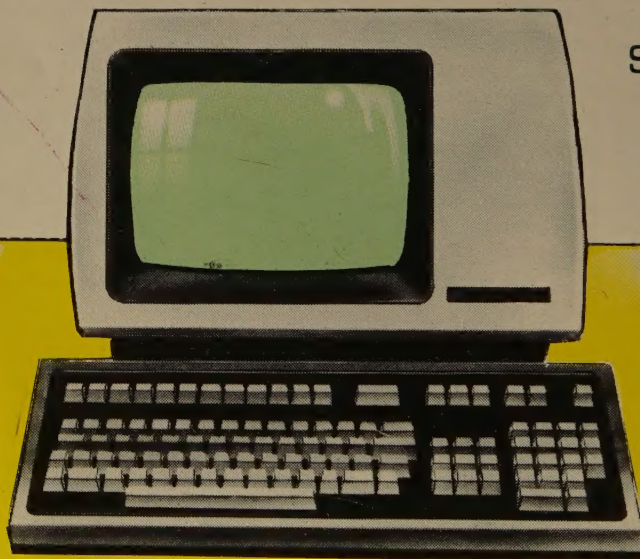
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